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SUBJ: SALINITY: SECOND ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS

1. MOST MEXICO CITY DAILIES JULY 11 CARRY UPI STORY STATING THAT NO PROGRESS WHATSOEVER HAD BEEN MADE DURING RABASA'S DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR BROWNELL. STORY GOES ON TO ASSERT THAT RABASA MADE AT LEAST THREE COUNTER-PROPOSALS TO U.S. PLAN: THAT THE DESALINIZATION PLANT NOT BE OPERATED BY MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS; THAT THE DRAINAGE CANAL NOT CARRY DRAINAGE WATERS TO THE GULF OF CALIFORNIA BUT TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN; AND THAT THE U.S. PROVIDE IDEMNIFICATION TO THE FARMERS OF MEXICALI VALLEY.

2. ARTICLE IN EXCELSIOR BY FAUSTO FERNANDEZ PONTE FROM WASHINGTON EXPANDS ON UPI STORY BY QUOTING MEXICAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES AS SAYING THAT THE MODIFICATIONS PRESENTED BY RABASA "WERE NOT ACCEPTED IN TOTAL".

3. NOVEDADES CARRIES EDITORIAL REGRETTING THAT NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THESE TALKS, STATING THAT THE QUESTION IS SERIOUS, AND ASSERTING THAT THE "MORAL SALT" MAY BE MORE DAMAGING TO U.S.-MEXICAN RELATIONS

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THAN THE SALT WHICH IS CURRENTLY DAMAGING THE LANDS OF

THE MEXICALI VALLEY.  
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